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SUBJECT: PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA

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- 1. CONGRATULATIONS ON SETTLING THIS LENGTHY NEGOTIATION. AS REQUESTED BAIJAL INFORMED. PER USUAL, HE KNEW NOTHING OF WASHINGTON AGREEMENT BUT WAS DELIGHTED.
- 2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS WITH BAIJAL, OUR INITIAL THINKING IS THAT, IN VIEW OF PRESENT BILATER RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD HANDLE PQBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECT OF THIS AGREEMENT IN EXACTLY SAME MANNER IT WOULD WITH ANY OTHER TITLE I AGREEMENT. WE ASSUME THAT PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT IS NORMALLY ISSUED IN WASHLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INGTON. PRESUMABLY THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO MAKE REFERENCE

TO EARLIER PROGRAMS IN INDIA, COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS OR CURRENT STATUS OF OVERALL INDO-US RELATIONS.

- 3. WE WOULD HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE CURRENT TITLE II PROGRAM WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY 283 THOUSAND TONS OF FOODSTUFFS (96.5 MILLION) IN FY 75. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT NO ATTEMPT BE MADE TO LINK TITLE I AND TITLE II (I.E. 800,000 TON TITLE I PROGRAM IS LARGE ENOUGH TO STAND ON ITS OWN) BUT WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KEEP OUR TITLE II PRTGRAM IN PUBLIC VIEW.
- 4. WE WOULD EXPECT THATTHERE WOULD BE A NUMBER OF UQESTIONS, BOTH HERE AND IN WASHINGTON, SUCH AS, WHY NEGOTIATIONS TOOK SO LONG, POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF AGREEMENT, DID INDIA ASK FOR THE FOOD, ETC. WE RECOMMEND THAT ANSWERS BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE AND BASICALLY LIMITED TO STATEMENT THAT TITLE I RESUMPTION REFLECTS BOTH COUNTRIES WISHES AND NO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS NEED BE READ INTO THIS AGREEMENT.
- 5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REVEIVING TEXT OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN IT IS READY AS WELL AS AGREEMENT AND MINUTESM WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER 800,000 TONS FUGURE WOULD BE INCREASED IF PRICE OF WHEAT DROPPED BEFORE ALL PURCHASES MADE OR IF TONNAGE FIGURE REPRESENTS ABSOLUTE CEILING. SAXBE

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